

MEETING of the Ordinance Subcommittee of the Town Council held Thursday, August 13, 2009 at 4:00 P.M. in the Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, RI 02830.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilors Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1) VOTED to approve minutes of the regular meeting of the Ordinance Subcommittee held on July 9, 2009 and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

2) VOTED to open proposed amendments to Chapter 26, Traffic and Vehicles, to allow for RIPTA bus parking.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

Thomas J. Kravitz, Town Planner and Economic Development Coordinator, explained RIPTA's request for a parking area for brief periods to allow for synchronization of bus runs. Mr. Kravitz explained the recommendation of the area adjacent to Brigido's parking lot, noting that RIPTA and the Public Works and Police Departments have reviewed and approved the location.

VOTED to approve the ordinance, subject to obtaining exact specifications for the parking area and refer to the full Council when we obtain those specifications.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

3) VOTED to open consideration and action on renaming Cherry Farm Road and Spring Lake Road.

Motion by Council President Kevin D. Heitke. Seconded by Councilor Nancy F. Binns. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, and Lt. Kevin San Antonio explained the proposal to rename portions of Cherry Farm Road and

Spring Lake Road to ensure that emergency vehicles are dispatched to the correct point in the road. Based upon input by residents and the fire chief, the administration recommended that the names remain and that the 9-1-1 system be annotated to include “north” where appropriate.

VOTED to go with that solution and to ask the administration to do it administratively.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

4) VOTED to open consideration and action on proposed amendments to Chapter 22, Solid Waste.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

There was discussion of the alternatives for addressing the increased cost of mattress disposal.

VOTED that we do not institute a fee; to make it free drop-off of

mattresses and box springs at the recycling center; that there be no cost (for drop-off); that the Town acquire an appropriate container; and that there be no curbside pick-up.

Motion by Council President Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

5) VOTED to open consideration and action on a town wide strategy to address all terrain and off-road vehicles.

Col. Bernard E. Gannon, Chief of Police, reported that the state law is sufficient but enforcement is difficult because of the mobility of the alleged violators. Problems associated with illegal ATV use were reviewed.

VOTED to table for two months and get feedback from a number of sources.

Motion by Council President Kevin D. Heitke. Seconded by Councilor Nancy F. Binns. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley and Kevin D. Heitke.

6) Review and discuss the items proposed for future meetings.

Proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Animals, will be considered at a future meeting.

7) VOTED to adjourn at